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February 28, 1980

Honorable Joseph D. Buffey
Chairman
National Endowment for the
Humanities
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, has recently submitted an application to the Challenge Grant Program at the National Endowment for the Humanities. The request of \$135,000 will enable the College to provide increased stability and professional growth for its humanities faculty and humanities programs. A total of \$550,000 is being sought by the College.

The Federal grant will enable the College to attract new gifts which will be used to create an endowment for faculty development in the humanities so that the level of faculty salaries can be raised. It would also provide crucial salary support for positions in three humanities disciplines.

The survival of small, independent high quality liberal arts colleges, like Assumption, is vitally necessary if higher education in a pluralistic society is to have any validity in the difficult decade ahead. For this reason, I enthusiastically support this Challenge Grant application and sincerely hope that, after careful consideration, the Endowment will act favorably on it.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts, and Humanities

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